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December 12, 2001

Honorable Philip N. Asprodites
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Hosston Formation, Reservoir A,
BETHANY-LONGSTREET FIELD, DeSoto
Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EL PASO PRODUCTION COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, in the Bethany-Longstreet Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana:

1. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize its Gamble 11 No. 2 Well as an additional alternate unit well for HOSS RA SU15 at the location shown on the attached plat, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 289-A-g-3, effective October 7, 1977.

2. To find that the proposed alternate unit well is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, underlying HOSS RA SU15 which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on this unit.

3. To permit the Operator to produce the allowable assigned to HOSS RA SU15, from either the unit well, any alternate unit well, or from any combination of such wells, at the option of the Operator.

4. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, in the Bethany-Longstreet Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, was initially defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 289, effective October 1, 1954, and was further defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 289-A-g-2, effective April 14, 1977.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 North Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy

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of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

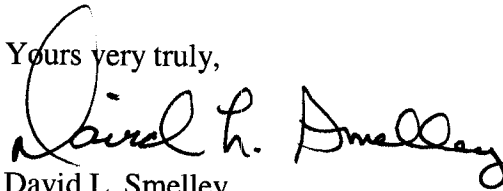
As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter and of the attached plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and the enclosed plat at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Bethany-Longstreet Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly,



David L. Smelley
Attorney for El Paso Production Company

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Paul Eschete (w/encls.)
Mr. Tim Parks (w/encls.)
Ms. Joyce Watts (w/encls.)
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

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HOSS RA SU 39

HOSS RA SU 16

HOSS RA SU 15

HOSS RA SU 55

13N14W

HOSS RA SU 33

HOSS RA SU DD

(HOLLY FIELD)

HOSS SU 29

HOSS RA SU 14

HOSS RA SU 15

HOSS RA SU

HOSS RA SU LL

HOSS RA SU 35

(HOLLY FIELD)

HOSS RA SU 17

HOSS RA SU 11

HOSS RA SU 9

HOSS RA SU 12

HOSS RA SU II

HOSS RA SU MM

HOSS RA SU 13

HOSS RA SU 48

HOSS RA SU 10

HOSS RA SU 15

LEGEND

- HOSS RA UNITS AS PER 289 & 289-A-g SERIES
- UNIT WELL
- ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
- PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL

BETHANY-LONGSTREET FIELD

DESOTO PARISH, LOUISIANA

Onshore Development Houston, Texas

EXHIBIT NO.

DOCKET NO. 01-

PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL PLAT

HOSS RA SU 15

LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.



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